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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Rawson DATE TYPED: 02/09/02 HB

SHORT TITLE: Pursue Tuition Reciprocity Agreements SB SJM 13/aSEC

ANALYST: Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SEC Amendment

The Senate Education Committee amendment strikes the word “aggressively” in the phrase “to aggressively pursue tuition reciprocity agreements.”

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 13 encourages the Western Interstate Commission for Higher Education (WICHE) to aggressively pursue tuition reciprocity agreements with states and provinces in Mexico and Canada that border Commission member states.

Significant Issues

The states comprising the WICHE provide services under the Western Regional Cooperation in Higher Education Compact [NMSA 11-10-1], an interstate agreement approved by Congress. WICHE's founding principle is to encourage and assist the sharing of facilities and education programs among the Western states through it's student exchange programs, according to the CHE analysis. Member states include Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, Oregon, South Dakota, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.